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4 LANE CORRIDOR STUDY ON-GOING ON U.S. HWY. 84

Highway department wants public input

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

Little activity has been evident in recent months in efforts to move forward with the 4-laning of U. S. Highway 84 from Enterprise to Andalusia.

The last public hearing on the project showed the highway department working on several alternatives in and around New Brockton, Elba and Opp.

Area news media have reported recently that conflicting requests to the highway department on the route for the 4-laning have resulted in the project being put on hold.

Ronnie Baldwin, of the state highway department, said this is not the true facts. Baldwin works out of the Troy office and urges interested citizens to stop by the Troy office and review the plans. He said, "We need and want public input at this stage of the project."

He noted that there has been only one citizen from Coffee County come to the Troy office and ask to

see the plan. He explained that after they begin acquiring right-of-way or building the road, it is too late for public input.

Baldwin explained exactly where the project is in the five year plan of the highway department.

The corridor study is on-going with environmental documents due

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completion within the few months.

Within the next six months the alternatives routes will be again presented in public hearings around the proposed route, just as was done before.

The highway department, and the consulting firm, are continuing to plan the 4-laning along a route with alternatives only in or near New Brockton, Elba and Opp, just as in

their original plans shown in the first public hearings.

The present five year plan doesn't call for any construction work on this 4-laning. Baldwin emphasized that the highway department is required by law to present a five year plan which is a fundable balanced budget report. It does contain some pre-engineering in the October 1999-2000 fiscal year.

Two preliminary engineering projects on 84 are scheduled that year. They are described in the plan as: (1) From County Road 43 (now County Roads 248 and 515) - Richburg, West of New Brockton - to 1/2 mile East of Double Bridge Creek. This is a four mile project. (2) From 1/2 mile East of Double Bridge Creek to the Enterprise Bypass. This is a 3.6 miles project.

The two projects will extend the 4-laning from Enterprise, through (or around) New Brockton to the crossroads at Richburg.

Sheriff department's DARE officer will soon be in county schools

by Marvin McIlwain - Editor

A uniform deputy sheriff will soon be a familiar sight in Coffee County Schools.

According to Coffee County Sheriff Ben Moates, Deputy Donnie Farris has been designated as the department's first DARE officer.

Farris recently completed the DARE curriculum school held in Macon, GA during the month of August. He also holds a master's degree in criminal justice.

The DARE officer's responsibility will be to help students in building self-esteem and to resist peer pressure. He will also work to improve the students' relationships with law enforcement personnel through the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program.

Farris will be working with students in the elementary grades at New Brockton, Kinston, and Zion Chapel elementary schools. At this time, no definite plans have been made as to which classes the DARE program will be taught in.

Farris will be meeting with county school officials and visiting with in the schools to evaluate the different situations. This will allow him to become familiar with the students and they with him.

During this time, he will also be able to explain the program to the teachers and principals and formulate a plan of action.

Farris hopes to begin classroom instruction at the beginning of the second semester or sooner, if it is

possible.

He said that he is really looking forward to working with the youngsters and believes that the program will really make a difference.

The DARE program was "born" in 1983 in Los Angeles between the Los Angeles Unified School District and police department when 10 uniform officers were placed in 50 schools.

Both the Elba and Enterprise school systems have an active DARE program. Officials in both school systems, as well as local law enforcement officers, say they have seen that the program can and does make a difference - a positive one!

Three men arrested and charged in vandalism of North Coffee County

by Marvin McIlwain - Editor

Three men have been arrested in connection with the recent acts of vandalism in Northeast Coffee County.

Coffee County Sheriff's deputies and investigators have been involved in solving the recent wave of vandalism that occurred in the New Hope Community.

According to Senior Investigator Leslie Hussey, the suspects were arrested last week.

Those arrested were: Joseph McCall Kemp, 19, of Ozark, AL;

Christopher Paul Hawkins, 20, of Ozark, AL; and Jonathan Cecil Batchelor, 19, of Oak, AL.

Each of the men were charged with eight counts of criminal mischief in the third degree, one count of criminal trespass in the second degree, one count of criminal trespass in the third degree; and one count of theft of property in the third degree.

According to Investigator Hussey, the case if still under investigation and more charges and additional arrests are likely. There were other individuals, including one known juvenile, involved in the vandalism.

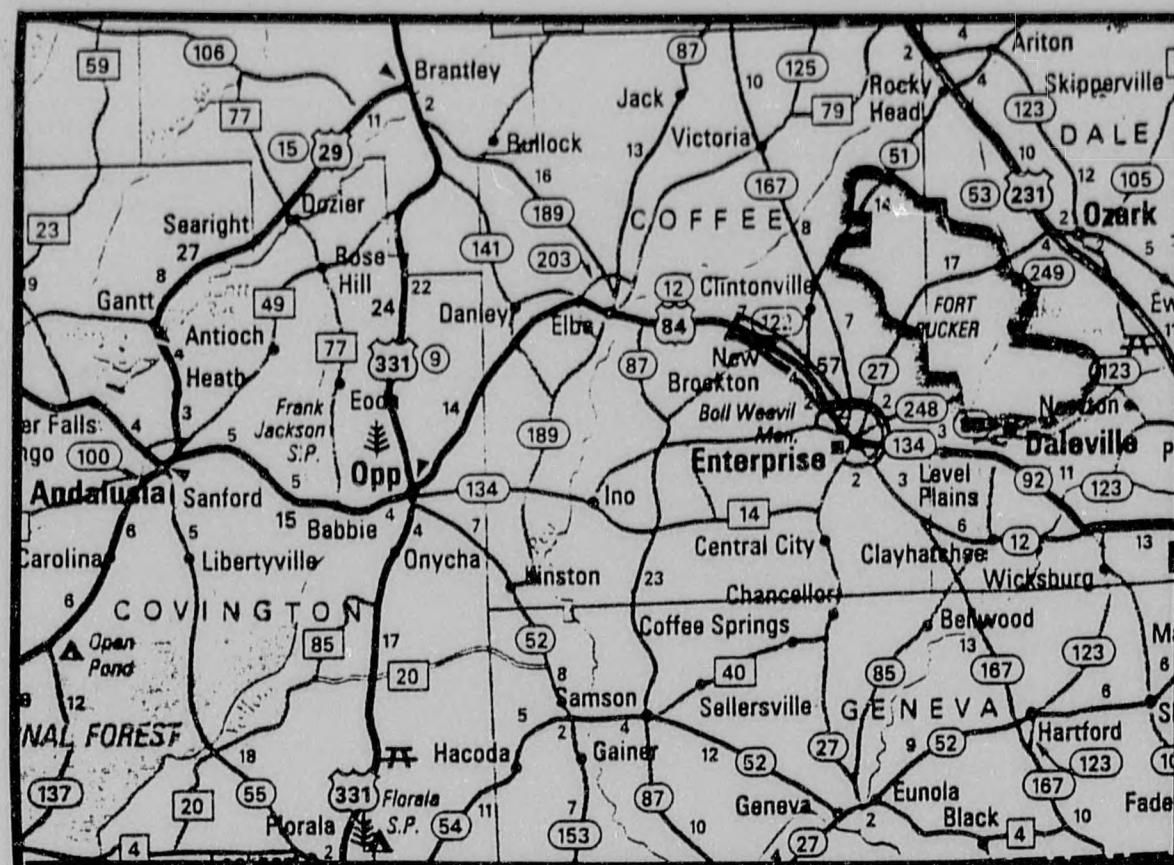
Also, authorities in Pike, Dale, and Henry counties are investigating similar acts of vandalism which occurred recently in their areas. It is possible that one or more of the individuals arrested in Coffee County is linked to the crimes committed in the neighboring counties.

Acts of vandalism committed in the Coffee County consisted of burning rolls of hay, destruction of mail boxes, burning garbage containers, destruction of decorative driveway lamps, and the breaking of a school bus window.

One of the men arrested has been released on a \$3,500.00 appearance bond, while, at press time, the remaining two men are still in jail. Their bonds have also been set at \$3,500.00.

NOTICE

The Elba Chamber of Commerce is NOT SOLICITING and is NOT SPONSORING ads for a city map at this time.



Rosey Grier on a mission for Jesus Christ

by Kenneth Tuck
Special to The Elba Clipper

Roosevelt (Rosey) Grier is a member of the most honored defensive line in professional football—affectionately referred to as the "Fearsome Foursome."

Standing 6-foot-5 and weighing in the neighborhood of 300 pounds, Grier is called the "Gentle Giant". Though quarterbacks feared him on the field, his gentleness off the field made him one of the most likable players.

Now Grier concentrates on a different enemy. The enemy consists of racism, lack of opportunity, hardheadedness. Grier sums it up in one word "S-I-N, that's the problem", the Gentle Giant said Monday morning in a press conference held in the office of Pastor David Pizzimenti at Glory To Him Fellowship in Ozark.

Grier and evangelist David Horton were at Glory To Him Sunday and Monday teaching and preaching the Word of God, and how the world could change if everyone knew Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour.

"It all comes down to people not doing what God said," Grier said when asked why racism was so prevalent in the world today. "If the world knew God, there wouldn't be racism. God wants us all to get along and work together. It doesn't matter if you're black, white, red, whatever."

"That's why David (Horton) and I do tent meetings in places like Watts (inner city of Los Angeles). Our purpose is to show people working together not thinking what color you are, I never think about David being white, and he doesn't think about me being black. He's my brother. We have the same Heavenly Father."

Pizzimenti agreed with Grier, and even took it a step further.

"Racism is the failure of the church," he said. "It's not what they say on Sunday that counts, but what they do during the week. People all around the world without God are going to hate. In America, there are

50-80 million who claim to be born again. If we came together every Sunday that would turn everything around. There's much more power in unity."

"The church has crossed racial lines and every line and set the example. It takes a premium effort. Until the church stops being fragmented, the world will be divided. The

church has to be very vocal about this."

Horton said love is the key to ending racism and bring the Body of Christ (Christians) together.

"The Bible says people will know us by our love," the evangelist from

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JUDGE SPEAKS TO LIONS...Circuit Judge Thomas E. Head was guest speaker at the local Lions Club's recent meeting. The newly elected judge for the 12th Judicial Circuit, which includes Pike and Coffee counties, spoke to the group concerning the judicial system and also fielded several questions from the Lions. Judge Head told members that, in accordance with the Canons of Judicial Ethics, he can make no pledges or promises of conduct in office; however, it is his goal, as a sitting judge, to restore the public's trust in the judicial system. Judge Head (left) is pictured above with Glenn Samuel, president of the Elba Lions Club.

* * HAPPENINGS * *

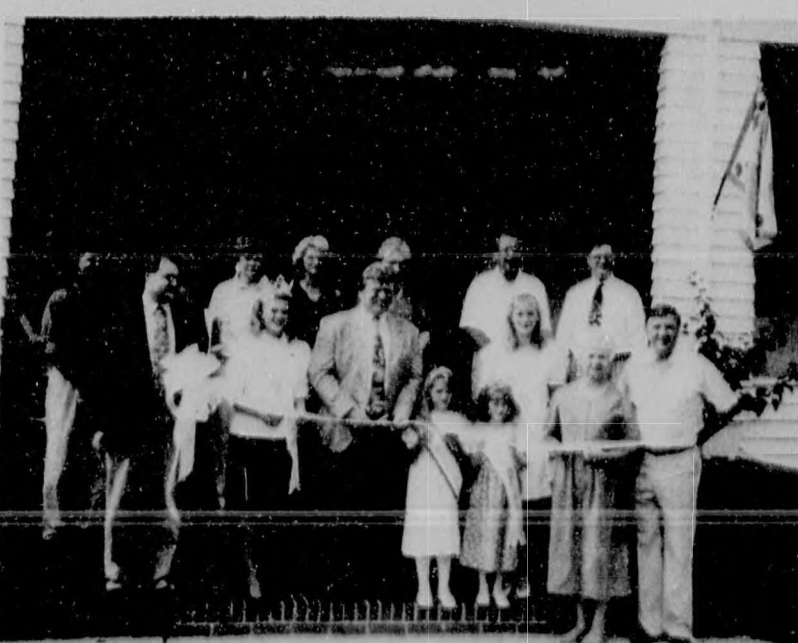
AREA FOOTBALL GAMES. This Friday night the Elba Tigers travel to Brewton to play T. R. Miller; Zion Chapel Rebels are at home against cross-county rival Kinston Bulldogs; New Brockton Gamecocks are out of town playing G. W. Long; and the Brantley Bulldogs play host to Red Level. Please check with the respective schools concerning kick-off times.

COUNCIL MEETING. The New Brockton Town Council will hold its monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m., Monday in the council chamber at city hall.

COMMISSION MEETING. The Coffee County Commission will hold its regularly scheduled bi-monthly meeting at 9:00 a.m. Monday, September 11, in the Community Room in the Farm Center Complex.

V.O.C.A.L. MEETING. The Victims of Crime and Leniency (V.O.C.A.L.) will meet 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 13, at the Coffee County Baptist Association Building in New Brockton. Officers for the coming year will be elected at this meeting. Members and prospective members are encouraged to attend.

HOMECOMING PARADE PLANNED. New Brockton High School is planning a homecoming parade for Friday, September 22, at 2:00 p.m. To register call Amanda Thrasher at 894-2350 or 894-5434. The homecoming ceremony will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the school's football stadium.



BED & BREAKFAST OPENS...The formal opening of Aunt B's Bed & Breakfast was marked by a ribbon cutting ceremony several days ago. Barbara and Bobby Hudson, owners, showed off their new business to members of the Elba Chamber of Commerce and other guests who dropped by during the open house. Pictured above (l-r) are: front row - Herby McCall, Miss Elba Indya Lawless, Elba Mayor Ricky Haywood, Little Miss Coffee County Shae Manning, Little Miss Elba Casey Medlock, Junior Miss Elba Elizabeth Strong, Barbara Hudson (Aunt B), and Bobby Hudson; back row - Kenneth Hudson, Myra Kelley, Janette Carr, Carolyn Kelley, James Maddox, and Jack E. Brunson.

ELBA STORIES

With Ferrin Cox

A number of Elba churches joined together Sunday night for a community wide service. Nine preachers, two separate choirs, and several other folks, were actively involved in the service, but it still only lasted a little over an hour! It is hard to time the service exactly without looking at a watch right at the benediction, 'cause people lingered around and talked, rather than shooting straight for their cars.

The question was asked several times since Sunday night, "Did you get anything out of that for an editorial?" or "What was your editorial opinion of the Sunday night service?" Answering the last question first, the community service was a resounding success... the high school auditorium wasn't full, but the event was well attended; and those there seemed to ALL leave with a warm feeling in their heart. First question... yes, there was enough fodder for a page of editorials, but more importantly, we can selfishly express thanks for the messages heard. Two preachers delivered some inspiring words; seven more added prayers and two choirs sang well, as they always do. It was probably Reverend Willie Peterson who noted in his prayer "We are all of one church" and that is true, because every person carrying a personal bible had one with the same words as the one on the shelf right above our computer. The cover might have been a little different, or hopefully more worn, but the message was the same.

Reverend Al Moore, our minister at the Methodist Church, received a spontaneous ovation with his answers for the problems in the school, City of Elba and our nation. More said 300 sets of parents at a PTO meeting would lead to solutions in the schools and communitywide visitations every month by ALL the churches in town would solve the problems of Elba.

We joked with Reverend Aubrey Williams, of Rocky Head Baptist Church, after the services. As he began his sermon it was hard to hear him in the back where we were sitting. As soon as possible, we caught his eyes and motioned him to speak up. Well, he the time friend Aubrey had pulled that microphone a bit closer and warmed up a bit in his sermon... nobody had trouble hearing his inspiring message!

The two choirs... we hear the choir from the Methodist Church every Sunday and always enjoy them. This holiday time they were slack in numbers and picked up a good Baptist to help. It was clear everything was gonna be all right when First Baptist Minister of Music Matt Gray's face popped up in the Methodist choir! The choir from Rocky Head... well folks, they were enjoyable and are always good, but those who have heard them before KNOW those folks didn't really pull off the bridge Sunday night. Two folks we expressed that I'd like to alter the service, extracted a promise of an invite to join us the next time we were going to one of their special singings.

Other ministers having active parts included Reverends John Grayer, Keith Ellison, Willie Peterson, Tony Dye, Billy Redd, Mark Gray and Mark Walker. A lot of other folks were involved to make the success it appeared to be... they know who they are and God does also. Thanks!

That was a lot of church talk for this corner... let's move on. The printed word ain't gone yet, nor will it disappear any time soon. An indication of that is the public library in Charlotte, NC. Being on the leading edge of things, they have many newspapers and magazines "on line" through their computers. Therefore, the director announced he was discontinuing subscriptions to some 200 printed editions of various publications. The patrons of the library were up in arms and this guy promptly and wisely canceled that action. The 200 printed editions are still available for the non-computer types and those (like me) who like to read the ads.

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ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of August 29, 1995 through September 4, 1995.

They were: Hessa McCord, Newton Bryan, Joe Moore, Wesley Killingsworth, Willie B. Smith, Edd Fillingim, Mary A. Mack, Gwen Rayborn, Thelma Scott, Tony Hamlett, Mita Boswell, Margaret Hussey, W. K. Cotter, Allen Johnson, Annie Ellis, Mark Coleman, Kristy Miles, Gina Garner, Denise Burks, William Holt, Zachary Hudson, Ethel Abercrombie, Earl Elliott, Denise Wadsworth, Stanley Robinson, Aubrey Wright, Michael Smith, and Pearl Jones.

Patients discharged during the same period of time were: Michael Smith, Kristy Miles, Ruby Gray, Albert Upshaw, Mark Coleman, Wesley Killingsworth, Jason Munger, Bruce Munger, Neil Munger, W. K. Cotter, Margaret Hussey, Willie B. Smith, Thelma Scott, Joe F. Moore, Mita Boswell, Allen Johnson, Gwen Rayborn, Tony Hamlett, Denise Burks, and Earl Elliott.

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ELBA POLICE REPORT

AUGUST 29 Thru SEPTEMBER 4, 1995

The Elba Police Department, beginning Tuesday, August 29, 1995, investigated the following incidents: four thefts of property, five criminal mischiefs, one discharging of a firearm into an unoccupied building, one disorderly conduct, one vehicle fire, one illegal breaking and entering of a vehicle, three harassments, one domestic disturbance, two assaults, one criminal trespass, and one cruelty to an animal.

The following traffic citations were issued: three for speeding, one for revoked driver's license, five suspended driver's license, one for improper tag, one for no tag, one for driver's license required, and one for illegal parking.

Arrests for the week were as follows: one for disorderly conduct, one for violation of the boom box ordinance, and one for cruelty to animals.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:
TUESDAY, AUGUST 29 - River stage - 3.70 feet (6:24 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Reynolds St. (7:35 a.m.); Rescue run to a wreck on AL Hwy. 87N (10:23 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30 - Disturbance on Putnam St. (3:02 a.m.); River stage - 2.90 feet (6:20 a.m.); Rescue run to the Coffee County Lake (8:35 a.m.); Wreck reported in the parking lot at Kleiner's (4:15 p.m.); Wreck in the parking lot at Elba High School (4:37 p.m.); Vehicle fire on Co. Rd. 501 (5:03 p.m.).

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31 - River stage - 2.98 feet (6:48 a.m.); Rescue run to Elba High School (8:45 a.m.); Disturbance (subject with a gun) reported on Teresa St. (4:29 p.m.).

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 - River stage - 2.80 feet (6:11 a.m.); Grass

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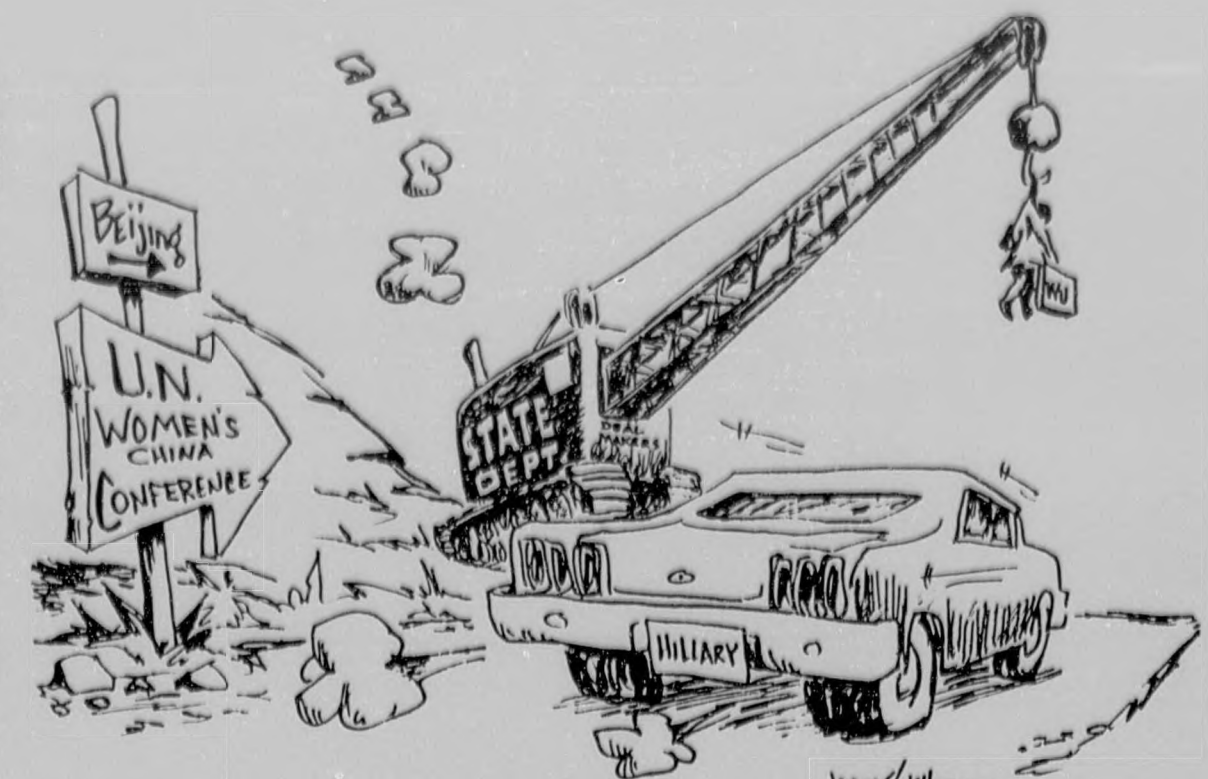
MAKING OURSELVES CLEARER

The Elba Clipper wants to correct errors that appear in the newspaper. Any reader wishing to point out our errors, whether ours or those of our sources, should contact the editor at 897-2823. Clarifications will appear promptly in this space.

There was a typographical error in last week's article on Marine PFC Ernest R. Baker. We regret any confusion or embarrassment the error in printing his name may have caused anyone.

Letters To The Editor Policy

The Elba Clipper encourages its readers to express their comments and views in the form of Letters to the Editor. Letters should not contain libelous material and should be in good taste. The editor reserves the right to edit all letters for style and grammar. Letters should be signed - NO UNSIGNED LETTERS WILL BE PUBLISHED. A phone number should accompany the letter for the purpose of confirming the author of the letter (Phone numbers will not be printed with letters). Address letters to: Letters to the Editor, The Elba Clipper, P.O. Drawer A, Elba, AL 36623.



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GRIER

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Mobile said, "We must love one another no matter our color. The attitude of most is, I will trust you until you let me down and I'll put you back in that stereotype. People must get over that. It must stop."

The tent meetings Grier and Horton have done have paid off in "miraculous ways."

"One time in Phenix, " Horton said, "We held a tent meeting in the inner city... a real crime-ridden area. We had been there a few days, and were in the middle of another meeting when I saw a bunch of policemen talking to Rosey. I thought, 'Oh no, we forgot to pay our permit fee or something.' But, the police told Rosey since we had been holding the tent meetings crime had gone down to near nothing. See, light was coming into a dark area and it made a difference."

Grier talked about more than racism. He also talked about neglect. Grier said his heart goes out to the youth and senior citizens. He said they are two of the most neglected groups in America. "I've been working with gang

kids since 1974," Grier said, "I just share the truth with kids. They haven't heard it before. I talk to them from where I am. I teach them through my experience."

Grier said the ministry God has called him to includes more than winning people to Jesus.

"We've got to do more than get people saved," he said, "When a gang member or a prisoner gets saved they've got to feel like there's a place for them in society. If nobody hires them they will go back to the way they used to be."

"I think the real frontier in our country is urban communities. Neglecting these people is a needless waste of opportunity. Just think what would happen if we put our heads together to show these young folks they are smart and they can have a positive impact. I have a vision of seeing the United States united in Christ, united and working together. We're talking about loving one another."

Grier has left Ozark, but his message about Jesus and loving one another will remain.

Coffee County EMA office has new weather radar system

by Marvin McIlwain - Editor

Weather has always been important to local residents, but during recent years, its importance has understandably taken on new meaning. After the Flood of March 1990, it did not take long for the Coffee County Commission to hire an EMA (Emergency Management Agency) director and put an active program into place.

Ever since its formation, Charles Webb, Coffee County's EMA director, has worked to improve the agency's ability to alert county citizens and put an active program into place.

The system is simple to use - even I can operate it," said Webb. The pre-programmed computers provide 19 regional maps and has the capability to zoom in (64-megapixel) on local areas.

Webb commented that if the system proves to be as beneficial as he thinks it will be, he would like to place an additional terminal in the Elba Police Department.

The equipment was purchased at a very reasonable cost by the county EMA.

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OBITUARIES

MAE BRUNSON COOPER

Mae Brunson Cooper, age 89 of Columbiana and Birmingham, Alabama, died Sunday, August 27, 1995.

Graveside services were held at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 29, 1995 at Columbiana City Cemetery with Riddits Roebuck Chapel directing.

Survivors include one daughter, Claire (Cookie) Dorough of Birmingham, AL; one brother, Arthur Clair Brunson, Jr. of Elba, AL; two sisters, Lois Whaley and Margaret Smith, both of Elba, AL; two grandchildren, Larry Jack Dorough and Kerry Dorough Milhorn; four great grandchildren, Brent Daniel Dorough, Christopher Brian Dorough, Barry Scott Milhorn and Tony Allen Milhorn, all of Trussville, AL.

LUTHER C. MANWARING, JR.

Luther C. Manwaring, Jr., age 77 of Thomsville, Georgia (formerly of Opp, Alabama) died Friday, September 1, 1995 in Archbald Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Manwaring was a veteran of WWII.

Graveside services were held at 4:00 p.m., Sunday, September 3, 1995 at Peaceful Acres Cemetery in Opp, AL. Rainer Funeral Home directed the services.

A memorial service was held Monday, September 4, 1995 at the First United Methodist Church of Thomsville, GA.

Survivors include his wife, Sarah Francis Manwaring; a son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth C. and Charity T. Manwaring; two grandchildren, Trey and Sarah.

A daughter, Melvina Diane, preceded him in death.

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SYBLE ROWELL TAYLOR

Syble Rowell Taylor, age 72 of Elba, Alabama, died Friday, September 1, 1995 in a Montgomery, AL hospital.

Funeral services were held at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, September 3, 1995 from the Friendship Baptist Church (Bullock Community) with Rev. Randall Pearson officiating.

Burial followed in the church cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include one brother, Voyd Rowell of Ft. Walton Beach, Florida; several nieces and nephews.

FRANK HENDRICK RAINER

Frank Hendrick Rainer, age 72 of Montgomery, Alabama, died Friday, September 1, 1995 in a Montgomery, AL hospital after an extended illness.

Funeral services were held at 3:00 p.m., Monday, September 4, 1995 from Leak-Memory Chapel Funeral Home with Rev. Jay Wolf and Dr. Earl Hall officiating.

Burial followed in Alabama Heritage Cemetery with Leak-Memory Chapel directing.

Survivors include his wife, Marjorie M. Rainer of Montgomery, AL; two daughters, Nancy Watson of Columbus, Georgia and Marilyn Patterson of Birmingham, AL; four grandchildren, Frank Rainer Collins, Abby Collins, Anna Patterson and Graham Patterson; one brother, Young Rainer of Abbeville, AL; one sister, Martha Rainer of Albany, GA.

Active pallbearers were Bill Oswalt, Boyd Murphey, Jim Richardson, Steve Fox, Clyde Parkman, Wiley Stanford, Homer McGough, and Wilson Still.

Honorary pallbearers were the Poundstone Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church of Montgomery, AL.

In lieu of flowers, the family requested memorial contributions be made to the American Institute for Cancer Research, 1759 R. Street, Washington, DC 20009, or to the Caring Center of First Baptist Church of Montgomery.

SALLIE PEARL POWELL

Sallie Pearl Powell, age 84 of Brantley, Alabama, died Thursday, August 31, 1995 at her home.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, September 2, 1995 from the Friendship Baptist Church (Bullock Community) with Rev. Randall Pearson officiating.

Burial followed in the church cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include two sons, Rev. Bobby L. Powell of Lanett, AL and Clayton Powell of Brantley, AL; two sisters, Mary Lizzie Legg of Brantley, AL and Muriel Butler of Doer, AL; one brother, Fate Weed of Elba, AL; three grandchildren; ten great grandchildren; five great great grandchildren.

AEC still waiting

As of Friday, September 1, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission had not acted on Alabama Electric Cooperative's (AEC) request to lower the level of Point A Lake. The lake was scheduled to be lowered by about 10 feet starting the day after Labor Day so that AEC could proceed with installation of a new cooling tower at the nearby McWilliams Power Plant. Due to the delay, the project has been postponed.

With very little effort, neighbors or friends, church or civic groups can adopt an adult and make a dramatic improvement in their lives," said Ms. Biddle.

She suggested several other ways to help isolated adults: cook them a meal and take it to them; give them audio tape books; run errands for them; give them rides to church, the doctor, the grocery store, or the drugstore; help them keep track of their medication; if they need it, help them financially. In addition to help expenses, many elderly require expensive prescriptions not covered by Medicare, Medicaid, or insurance.

"Most of all," said Lynda Biddle, "let them know that someone is there to help them if they need it. That's one of the greatest gifts you can give anyone."

Individuals or groups who would like more information about DHR programs or adult abuse and neglect should call the Coffee County Department of Human Resources at 347-5865.

VOYD ROWELL & FAMILY

9-7-1p

"See You At The Pole" to be observed at Elba High School

"See You At The Pole" is a national prayer movement started and led by high school students. It is a time when students from various denominational backgrounds come together around their school's flagpole for a time of prayer for each other, the school, their community, and the nation. This year, "See You At The Pole" will be observed on September

20 at 7:00 a.m. at Elba High School. All Elba High students are invited to come together to ask God's blessing and guidance for our lives and our land. For more information, please contact one of the Elba area churches, or a minister in one of those churches.

September 10th is National Grandparents Day

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I was so pleased to read in "Brainstorms" that ten dogs had been adopted within a two week period. I knew Elba would come to the rescue's once they were informed of the situation.

Two weeks ago, I brought two dogs from the shelter home with me. One is a small male dog that was too young to die, and the other an abused (starved nearly to death) older female dog that deserves a little better from this life.

I named the little male dog Bubbles and he is living up to his name. He is so active and plays all the time with his ball. He is black with brown legs and is now ready for a new home. Bubbles will make a wonderful pet and watch dog for the right couple. He is so scared of being hurt (it took four days for him to lick my hand), he would snap at a child that was rough with him.

The female is a large dog and was so thin she could hardly stand without falling, and so afraid of people. She lived with me for five days

before she trusted me enough to eat the food I offered her. It's amazing how she has gained weight this last week. Her right paw was broken, and with no care the leg didn't heal correctly. So, she hops on three legs. I have named her Love, and that's what she is a precious, loving, devoted little girl dog.

Both dogs have had their shots, rabies and parvo, and they are warmed. Bubbles and Love now sport new flea and leish collars. When these two dogs are adopted, I will bring two more to live with me until loving homes are found for them. You must be caring people and have a love for animals if these dogs are to be adopted by you. They barely escaped death and have now been exposed to love and gentle treatment, so please do not call them a pet to enrich your life.

Please call 897-6469 if you are this kind of person and looking for a pet to enrich your life.

Sincerely,
Bernice Clay

Smith elected president of APGA



James H. Smith

James H. Smith, General Manager of the Southeast Alabama Gas District, was elected President of the American Public Gas Association (APGA) during the association's annual conference in Hershey, Pennsylvania, August 6-9. The APGA is a national trade association of publicly owned natural gas distribution utilities. Approximately 50 member systems operating in 36 states, represent the interest of over 3,800,000 consumers served by the nation's publicly owned natural gas utilities.

Mr. Smith was manager of the Fitzgerald, Georgia utility system for seventeen years prior to being recruited by the Southeast Alabama Gas District in May 1984. He presently serves on the Municipal Gas Systems Advisory Committee of the Gas Research Institute, the Board of Directors of the Alabama Natural Gas Association, the Board of Directors of the American Public Gas Association and is a member of the Southern Gas Association. In August 1994, he received the prestigious APGA Personal Achievement Award.

Social & Church News

Miss Canty & Mr. Sparks to be united in marriage November 18th



Miss Canty

Hunnicut-Simmons Wedding held September 4th

Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Moulton, Jr. of Blakely, GA and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunnicut of Woodstock, GA announce the marriage of their daughter, Cindy Michelle Hunnicut, to Thomas Michael Simmons, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Hobbs of Blakely, GA and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Simmons of Houma, LA.

The wedding was held September 4, 1995, aboard the S.S. Seabreeze Cruise Ship in Miami, FL. The ship then sailed to the U.S. Virgin Islands for seven days.

The bride is the granddaughter of Mrs. Elsie C. Mace and the late Mr. Cecil W. Mace and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Hunnicut of Columbus, GA.

Miss Hunnicut is a 1992 graduate of Early County High School and a 1995 graduate of Wallace Community College with an associate degree in applied science in office administration. She is currently working as the manager at Fitness Plus in Blakely, GA.

The groom is the grandson of Mr. Palmer Downing and the late Mrs. Mildred Downing of Bainbridge, GA and Mrs. Doris Simmons and the late Mr. Terah Simmons of Arton, AL.

Mr. Simmons is a 1986 graduate of Early County High School. He is currently working as operations manager at Sunstate Refrigeration Service in Albany, GA.

Mr. and Mrs. William Riley Canty of Oxford, MS announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter Christina Wells Canty to William David Sparks, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Fain Sparks (nee Eleanor Brunson) of Tupelo, MS.

The bride is the granddaughter of Mrs. Bobbie Boykin Lochridge of Pascagoula, MS and the late Mr. James Polk Lochridge, and Mr. and Mrs. William Kell Canty, also of Pascagoula, MS.

She is a graduate of Oxford High School in Oxford, MS. She is a graduate of the University of Mississippi with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with majors in management and marketing. Miss Canty is a graduate of the Owen Graduate School of Management, Vanderbilt University with a Master of Business Administration (MBA) with concentrations in Marketing and Human Resource Management.

She is employed as senior account manager with Coca-Cola USA, and she resides in Nashville, TN.

The groom is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Owen L. Sparks, Tupelo, MS, and the late Mr. and Mrs. John F. Brunson of Elba, AL. He is a graduate of Tupelo High School of Tupelo, MS. He is a graduate of the University of Mississippi with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with majors in management and marketing. Mr. Sparks is a regional manager with Nielsen and Bainbridge, and he resides in Nashville, TN.

The wedding will be held November 18, 1995 at 4:30 p.m., at First Baptist Church, Oxford, MS. A reception will be held at the Oxford Country Club of Oxford, MS.

Revival Services planned at New Haven Baptist Sept. 10-13

Revival services for New Haven Baptist Church of Elba, AL will be held September 10-13. Revival services for September 10 will begin at 11:00 a.m., with evening services beginning at 7:00 p.m. The speaker will be Dr. Wiley Richards, professor of Theology at Florida Baptist Theological College of Graceville, FL.

Supper will be served Monday-Wednesday from 5:45-6:30 p.m. There will be a 24 hour Prayer Vigil from September 8 at 8:00 p.m. until September 9 at 8:00 p.m. in preparation.



Jennifer Kennedy Dean

Noted author to speak at Bethany Baptist Church

Nationally known author and speaker, Jennifer Kennedy Dean, will be speaking at Bethany Baptist Church on September 15-17, 1995.

She will speak at 7:00 p.m. on Friday (Sept. 15); 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. and at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday; and on Sunday at 10:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Dean is a nationally known author, speaker and conference leader. She is a uniquely gifted communicator of God's deep truths. Her insight into Scripture is refreshing and freeing.

Her message about the praying life has been formed in the crucible of her own life experience and her teaching is clear and practical. She does not teach a "cook-book" approach to praying, but calls for believers to walk fully in God's power.

Jennifer is the author of *Heart's Cry: Principles of Prayer* (New Hope) and the new *Praying Life: Living Beyond Your Limits* (New Hope). She is co-author of *Witnessing Through Your Relationships* (LifeWay Press).

She has written numerous magazine articles, seminars and curricula on the subjects of prayer and spiritual growth.

Jennifer and her husband, Wayne, founded The Praying Life Foundation, which is dedicated to providing opportunities for spiritual growth through Jennifer's writing and teaching ministry.

Her warmth, intelligence and unique delivery style make her a popular speaker and conference leader. Her presentations are thoroughly researched and powerful.

Here are a few excerpts from letters:

"I left with a hunger for God like I have never known."

"Jennifer makes prayer make sense."

"Thank you for showing us such respect and not wasting our time. The six hours I spent in your seminar were packed with the information I was hungry for."



1995 JR. MISS ELBA...Pictured above are the winners of the 1995 Jr. Miss Elba pageant. They are (l to r) Kendra Vaughan, first runner-up, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Vaughan; Elizabeth Strong, Jr. Miss Elba, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Strong; and Missy Kelley, second runner-up, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Kelley.



Birthday Celebration

Jason Holloway turned 7 years old on August 29, 1995. His parents are Herb and Sandra Holloway. Grandparents are Irene Grant and the late Herbert Holloway Jr. and the late Bert Holloway. His great-grandmother is Buna Holloway.

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Scripture: Psalm 146.

Thinking of you, praying for you. Mrs. Almida Campbell, Mrs. Josephine Hart, Rev. Aaron High-tower, Rev. Charlie Jones, Mrs. Johnnie Yelverton, Mrs. Mervie L. Daniels, Miss Jana Kelley, Mrs. Cassie B. Reese, Mrs. Tommie M. Faison, Mr. Ned Atmore, Mr. Elias Barry, Mrs. Olene Barry, Mr. Anthony Kelley, Mr. C.W. Williams, Mrs. Ada Jones and family.

Birthday
D.J. Belcher: September 5.

Wedding Anniversary
Grover & Eria Belcher: September 12.

Mr. Harold Williams of Jacksonville, FL is visiting his parents, Cleaver and Vera Williams of Elba, AL.

Annual Matrons Day

On September 3, 1995, the Matrons of First United MB Church of Andalusia, AL celebrated their annual Matrons Day. Dr. C.A. Harmon was pastor of the church. Rev. A.R. Williams, pastor of Rocky Head MB Church of Elba, AL and Shiloh MB Church of Tarentum, AL was guest speaker.

Those attending from Rocky Head MB Church were: Rev. A.R. Williams, Bessie, La Ray, Bretta, Chastity and Keitha; Stephanie and Samantha Williams; Roderick Rideaux; Kim Rideaux; Lavon Jones; Evelyn Guley; Kala Phillips; Freddie and Patti Culver; Wiley Brooks; Juanita, Roe/Nita and Dee/Nard; Cathryn Carpenter; Britany Daniels; Maricela Carpenter; William and Ashley; Derrick Duncan; Jana Kelley; Monica Henderson; Melissa Kelley; Hattie Bell Carpenter; Mary Alice Hooks; J.L. and Estella Williams; Lucinda Carpenter; Wallace and Mattie Belcher; Annie Pearl Carpenter; David Carpenter; Patricia and Michelle; Curtis Kelley; Juanita Burks; Christina Nelson and Isaac; Grover and Eria Belcher.

Juanita Brooks of Enterprise, AL, Vera Williams, Ernestine Kelley, and Eria Belcher visited the patients at Elba General Nursing Home recently.

Youth need to know America's Black heritage. A continuing strength in our society.

Religion
Black religion in America, conceived against a background of slavery and segregation, gave the black man and opportunity to be free while in chains. Blacks produced a gospel of future hope and a theology of the suffering servant. Black religion is unique to the Negro folk and ties them to each other in times of stress by a racial bond which cuts across all other variables.

A chronology of black religion links it with the coming of Christian-

ity to Egypt, 354-543 AD, thus to the West Coast of Africa and on to America via the slave ships. Early Colonial law decreed only non-Christians as slaves. When slaves were found to be Christians, the law was changed.

At first, benevolent slave owners permitted slaves to practice religion, baptizing those who had not been baptized. Slaves generally worshipped in a segregated section of the white church, attended by the owner. This pattern of segregation prompted many blacks to organize their own congregations.

America's Black Heritage Calendar

Church and First Baptist Church of God in Christ is sponsoring a special concert of the Alabama Mass Choir on Saturday, September 9, at 6:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Elba. The Alabama Mass Choir is a 60 voice choir made up of Church of God in Christ members from around the state, and is led by Keith Ellison, pastor of Harris Temple.

Rev. Ellison and Matt Gray, Minister of Music and Youth at First Baptist, organized the concert as a way of bringing together black and white Christians to work toward improved race relations in the community. The concert is free and open to the public with all races and denominations invited to attend. For more information, call First Baptist Church at 897-2246.

will continue September 10, 17, and 24 at 11:00 a.m.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Barbecue & Musical to be held at the Vineyard

A musical program and barbecue will be held at the Vineyard near Arton on Saturday, September 16. The barbecue dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a musical program at 6:30 p.m. Presenting the musical program will be Audrey Clark and Tanya Monaghan from Goodman Baptist Church and Jeff Jones, minister of music/youth, Westview Baptist Church, Enterprise. "God With Us" is a musical for all seasons, will be presented by the adult ensemble of Hillcrest Baptist Church, Enterprise. The cost is \$4 per person, children under 6 no charge. Reservations are preferred but not required. For reservations call 894-6411 or 897-2256 by September 12. The event is sponsored by the Coffee Baptist Association Vineyard Community.

Youth Celebration '95 to be held at Harris Temple COGIC

Youth Celebration '95 will be held at Harris Temple COGIC, located at 647 Adams Street, Elba, AL. The event will be held Friday, September 15, 1995 at 7:00 p.m. with registration beginning at 5:30 and Saturday, September 16, 1995 at 10:00 a.m. The concert will be held Saturday, September 16, 1995 at 7:00 p.m. The guest clinician will be Mr. Ricky Roberts, of Hunsville, AL, of the Alabama 1, State Mass Choir.

From time to time we face troublesome and difficult situations in our lives. If we are not careful, we will let these problems control us and get us down. Let me encourage you by saying that difficult situations provide us with the opportunity to grow in our faith. Let us remember the story in the Bible where Jesus fed 5,000 people with a few pieces of bread and fish? He then told His disciples to go to the other side of the Sea of Galilee while He went up to the mountain to pray. As they were crossing the sea, they ran into a storm and became very scared. They were doing what Jesus had told them to do, but they were in trouble. The storm, and the sea. They feared for their lives because they had forgotten that Jesus said, "Go to the other side and I will meet you there." Instead of believing the reality of what Jesus had said, they began to trust what they could see with their eyes. The winds, rough seas, and water splashing into the boat caused them to doubt and be afraid.

But, all the time they were going through this terrible ordeal, Jesus was on the mountain praying for them. He is in control of the storms and the seas. If He is on the mountain, He will not allow His people to sink. Again, remember the story, just before the disciples gave up, Jesus came walking to them on the water, showing that what they were afraid of was under His control.

We today can gain great comfort from this story. Even when we fail in our times of testing, Jesus never leaves or forsakes us. He will come to us walking on top of our problems to assure us of His love and faithfulness. For that we can trust and praise God for His goodness and faithfulness. Go to church Sunday!

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District 5 WMU Meeting to be held in Dothan

The 1995 regional leadership conference and District 5 annual Women's Missionary Union (WMU) meeting will be held at First Baptist Church, Dothan, on Saturday, September 16. Registration will be from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m., in the foyer of the sanctuary.

All WMU leaders are invited to attend the age-level conferences dealing with the changes in WMU and equipping leaders for the coming year.

Gene and Marjorie Verner from Ghana will be the guest missionary speakers.

A nursery will be provided for children birth to five years old. Call (334) 894-6411 to register your children and let directors of the meeting plan for them. Bring a sack lunch for yourself and your child. Drinks and snacks will be provided by the host church.

A bookstore will be available for you to purchase the new WMU materials. For more information call 894-6411 or Merle Wise, president District 5, (334) 897-2452.

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SENIORS OF THE WEEK



Pictured above are John Robertson and Kristy Morris.

by Griffin Shirley

John Robertson is the son of Bob and Melanie Robertson. John is a member of Mu Alpha Theta, Sr. Beta, VICA, and FBLA. John enjoys talking on the phone, wake boarding, kneeboarding, basketball, volleyball, hanging out with friends, ping pong, billiards, and jet skiing. His goal for the year is to graduate. After graduation, John plans to work for C and D Lawn Care.

Kristy Morris is the daughter of Patricia and Jerry Morris. She is actively involved in SADD, Mu Alpha Theta, FBLA, VICA, Sr. Beta, and FHA. Kristy attends the Elba Church of God. She works at Tiger Video and enjoys playing softball in her spare time. Alabama is her favorite college team. Kristy plans to attend college after graduating from high school, and her goal for the year is to be less judgemental of people.

Costellus Lawrence is the son of Pamela Mitchell. He attends the Oak Grove Baptist Church and is involved in Mu Alpha Theta and VICA. Alabama is his favorite college team. Costellus plans to attend college after finishing high school, and his goal for this year is to finish in the top 10% of his class.

Elba City Schools Menu
September 11-15, 1995

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Breakfast Pizza or Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Green Salad, Field Peas, Orange, Rolls, Milk
Tuesday - Sausage/Biscuit or Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Pizza, Corn, Broccoli w/ Cheese, Cake, Milk
Wednesday - Pancakes or Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Fried Chicken, Rice, English Peas, Peach Half, Roll, Milk
Thursday - Cinnamon Toast or Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Hamburger on Bun, French Fries, Baked Beans, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill, Pear Half, Milk
Friday - Eggs & Toast or Cereal, Juice, Milk	

I Left My Heart At Band Camp

by Mary Margaret Jacobs

It is that time of year again. It is football season. But football season does not just include the strapping young men battling it out in the parking sun. It also entails preparation time for the Elba Marching Tiger Band. Most people do not realize much of the hard work that is required in the marching band program. The Marching Tigers began their venture in the middle of the summer.

Eighteen band students attended the Troy State University Summer Band Camp during July 16-21. However, first they had to raise the funds to attend. To do this, these students held a yard sale which earned them almost half the expenses. These students worked diligently all week (mostly outdoors) learning new dance and flag routines, songs, etc.

The band members get the opportunity to learn and compete with other advanced students from all over the southeast United States.

Following TSU Summer Camp was the annual Rookie Camp. This was a time for the new Tigers to learn how to march and play their music. The rookies were also taught intangible things such as pride, respect, and discipline. In addition, they learned how to get along with others and came to realize the special family unity the Elba Band has.

During this same week, the Dance-line and Colorguard held their clinic. These groups worked hard everyday learning new drills for the upcoming season. Instructors from other cities in Alabama came and taught the girls their routines. By the end of the week, these young ladies were turning heads with their dazzling, strenuous performances.

The next week for the band was Percussion Camp. An instructor from TSU

led the percussionists all week. These kids learned their music for the new show, working essentially on the drum solo. After long hours and headaches, these band Tigers were rock n' roll.

And finally, it was time for Full Band Camp. This was the time when these students showed their most dedication and tenacity. The Elba Band members worked day and night on the new "spy theme" halftime show. The performance consisted of a medley of themes from "The Naked Gun", "Peter Gunn", and "James Bond". "Baby Elephant Walk", "The Pink Panther", "Baby Elephant Walk", "Die". To close out the week, initiation was held for the rookies, done in part by shaving cream. However, almost everyone took part in the initiation.

Being a Marching Tiger is an enjoyable time for many students at EHS, but it is also a valuable learning experience for them. Under the leadership of Jeff Ellis, the Elba Band has kept its winning tradition just as it has in the past. Mr. Ellis spends many extra hours working with the students teaching them musically, but he also contributes to their ability to be an admirable example in the lives of others. Thanks to him and the Elba Band Boosters, the Elba Band Program has survived. Though a little small, the Marching Tiger Band is still giving it all they can, hoping to please the crowd, but it is always in need of the support of its local citizens. Best of luck to the Marching Tigers.

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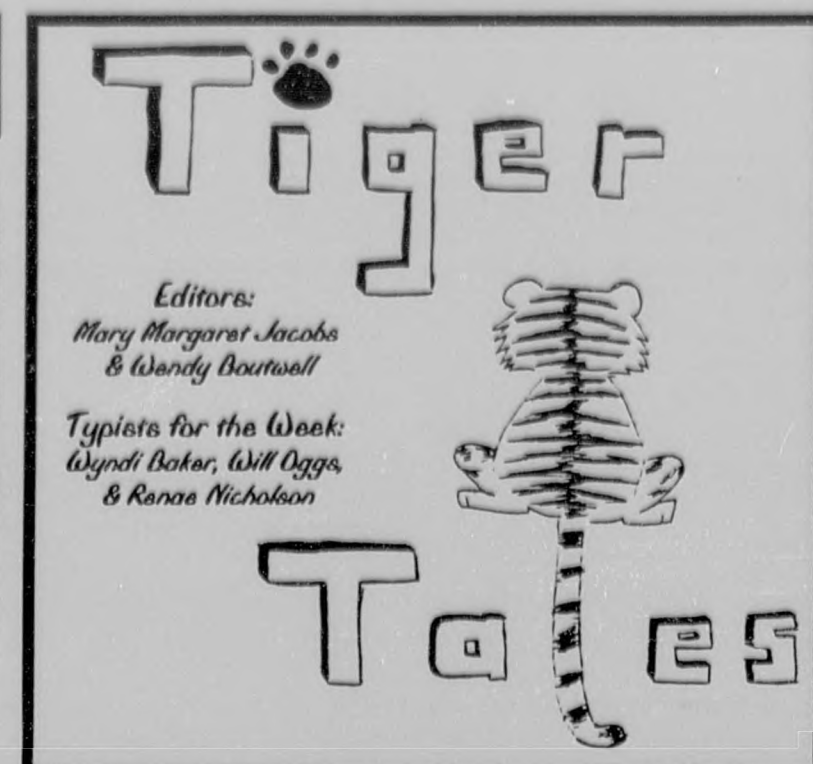
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TIGER TALES SPORTS

by Anna Stokes

Have you ever been to a sporting event and wondered just what was going through an athlete's mind? What he/she thinks about the game? The season? The team? In this week's edition of *Tiger Tales*, I am interviewing senior volleyball player, Janna Windham.

(1) Q: "How many years have you been playing volleyball?"
A: "I have been on the team for two years."

(2) Q: "Which school do you enjoy playing the most?"
A: "New Brockton."

(3) Q: "Do you believe Mrs. Barnes is a good coach, and why?"
A: "Yes, because she is easy to work with and she encourages us to do our best."

(4) Q: "How is practice going?"
A: "It is tough work, but it will pay off later."

(5) Q: "Do you believe this summer's volleyball camp will be beneficial to the upcoming season?"
A: "Yes, because we learned several new techniques."

(6) Q: "Do you think EHS will have a strong volleyball team this year?"

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Pictured above (l to r) are Lauren Sutley, Meshunna Hardwick, and Jovon Smedley.

by Marsha Tillis & Regina Austin

Lauren Sutley is the seventh grade daughter of Lisa Sutley. Her hobbies include talking on the phone, playing softball, and volleyball. Lauren attends Elba United Methodist Church.

Jovon Smedley is the son of Joyce and Marion Jones. He is in the eighth grade. His hobbies include going to church and playing sports. Jovon is a member of FHA and SADD. He attends Bethel A.M.E.

Meshunna Kentrevia Hardwick is the daughter of Linda Hardwick and is in the tenth grade. She enjoys playing in the band and is a member of FHA. She attends Greater New Zion Baptist Church.

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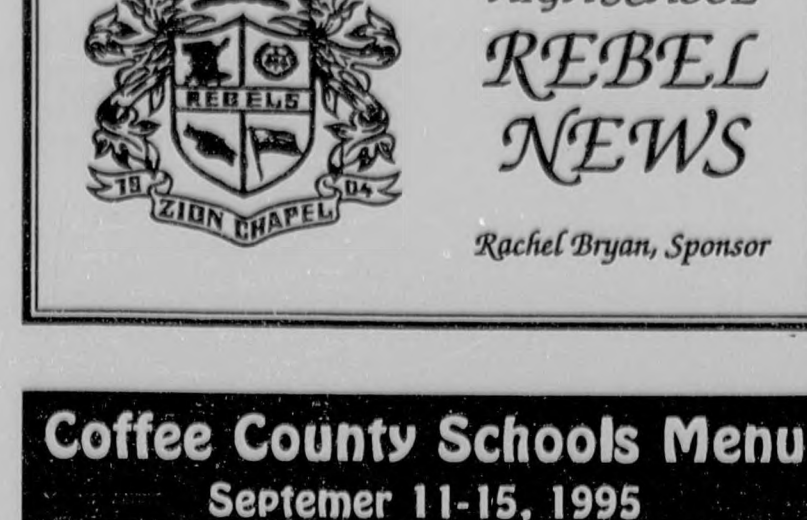
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Zion Chapel High School
REBEL NEWS

Pictured above is Stacy Spears

by Amy Jackson

There are ten new teachers in the elementary and high school at Zion Chapel. In high school they are Mrs. Gale Jackson, Mr. Matt Rodgers, Mrs. Lori McCrory, Mr. Blair Andrews, Mr. Gary Rudolph, and Miss Stacy Spears. In the elementary school they are Mrs. Rosalind Brown, Mrs. Sharon Sasser, Mrs. Jane Coale, and Miss Kelly Bradley.

Mr. Matt Rodgers is a graduate of New Brockton High School and of the University of Alabama. He is teaching sixth-eighth grade Social Studies and tenth grade World History. He will be an assistant varsity football coach and a team basketball coach. He will also be head baseball coach. In his spare time he enjoys golf, fishing, softball, and water skiing. When asked what he liked about ZC he said, "I feel very fortunate to be here at Zion Chapel. Everyone has made me feel right at home!"

Mrs. Lori McCrory is a graduate of Trenton High School in Soperton, Georgia. She went to college at Brewton-Parker College in Mt. Vernon, Georgia and earned an Associate of Arts degree. She later attended Troy State University and received a Bachelor of Science in Education. She is married to John McCrory, who is also a teacher at Zion Chapel. She enjoys reading in her spare time. She teaches math and will be the junior high girls basketball coach and the girls softball coach. When asked what she liked about ZC she said, "This is a great school at which to teach. I have enjoyed being here so far."

Mr. Blair Andrews is a graduate of Enterprise High and Troy State University. Mr. Andrews is teaching seventh-ninth grade English. In his spare time he says he likes grading papers...who has time for anything else? When asked what he liked about ZC he said, "I love it!"

Mr. Gary Rudolph is a graduate of Bonville High School in Bonville, Indiana. He went to college at the University of Evansville and Murray State University. He is teaching math and chorus. He is married to Hilda Rudolph. He has three children and four grandchildren. In his spare time he likes flying and sailing. He is very proud to be here.

Miss Stacy Spears is a graduate of Kinston High School. She went to college at Enterprise State and graduate from Troy State University. She is the Community Co-op Coordinator. Miss Spears said, "I am proud to return to Coffee County to work with the students and the business community." Miss Spears is also teaching at Kinston High School.

Mrs. Rosalind Brown is a graduate of New Iberia High School in Louisiana. She graduated from Grambling State and Troy State University. She will be teaching all subject to the second grade class. She is married to Joseph O. Brown and has two children, Joseph T. and Aysa Brown. She enjoys singing and reading in her spare time. When asked what she liked about ZC she said, "I think it is a wonderful school with an environment conducive to learning."

Mrs. Sharon Sasser is a graduate of Kinston High School and Troy State University. She is teaching fifth grade. She is married to Allen Sasser and has two children, Blake and Emily Sasser. In her spare time she enjoys reading, movies, and spending time with family. When asked what she thought about ZC she said, "I am very excited about becoming part of a very close and supportive faculty."

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Views from

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz

Sports Editor

The Elba Tigers opened the 1995 football season last week and for the first time in many years the entire Mularz clan was on hand for the opening night win. I was on the sidelines covering the game for the Clipper and Melissa was in the stands for her first game ever as a member of the Marching Tiger band. Mom and Melanie both came and joined a large crowd in the stands, and Mom was in attendance to watch her #1 daughter march in the band, while Melanie was just excited about going to a ball game and getting the chance to stand up and yell without getting in trouble. Needless to say, the Mularz family enjoyed the opening night's action.

OPENING WIN WAS GREAT, BUT WAS JUST THE START...

A lot of people across South Alabama and all across the state believed that the reign of the Elba Tigers as one of the state's top 3A football teams had come to an end after a 12-12 record over the past two seasons and the departure of Coach Mack Wood after 18 years, and two state championships. One win certainly doesn't mean that Elba is back among the favorites to win any crowns; however, the 33-13 win over 5A Charles Henderson last week showed a lot of people that the 1995 Elba Tigers aren't concerned about the past or what people say. The '95 Tigers showed everyone in attendance Friday night that they are simply a bunch of hard-nosed kids that play hard on every down and are a bunch of kids that want to win!

It's impossible to gauge a team by its performance in just one game, and players and fans alike must remain realistic and realize that while the Tigers may indeed be a very good team, they are probably not as good as we'd like to believe. Everyone gets all excited whenever their team wins, and early season wins especially seem to make even the most well-heeled fan an instant die-hard that is ready to start talking about state championships. Championships are won one game at a time, and Elba did win one game last week in impressive fashion. The win was fun and the celebration lasted throughout the weekend, but last week's win is now a thing of the past and it means nothing as far as this week's game against T.R. Miller is concerned. I think I know the players well enough to know that they have put the win behind them and are thinking about nothing else but Miller, and the fans must do the same and boost the players and coaches to build on the opening win and add to the win total as the season progresses.

When a team gets too high after a win, the fall that comes after a loss is often too painful, and the result is devastating. Everyone associated with Elba needs to keep the win in perspective, and while they should remain confident, they should also remain dedicated fans that understand the game and are supportive even when the going gets tough. This team could be a special bunch of young men and the players and fans could have a lot of fun before the season is over, but let's take it one week at a time and not get too excited about any one win, or too down if the team might lose. There is a lot of football yet to be played.

TIGERS IMPRESSIVE ON BOTH OFFENSE AND DEFENSE

The Elba Tigers were expected to be solid on defense before the season started, but in Friday night's win over Charles Henderson it was an impressive performance by both the offense and defense that led to the 33-13 season opening win.

On offense there were questions concerning how well an inexperienced line could handle a bigger defensive unit, whether or not two youthful tackles could step in and make an impact, and how well an inexperienced quarterback could lead his team in battle on the field? I'd say the offense passed all three tests with flying colors! The line, which had only two returning starters, opened up holes for Elba's 1-2 punch of Chris Tyson and D'Undray Peterson to combine for 192 yards and two touchdowns and gave Troy Bryan time to hit on two big passes for 47 yards and another score. The two inexperienced tackles, senior Nycoma Coleman and sophomore Cedric Howe, learned as the game progressed and obviously passed their tests as Tyson was able to get outside for 97 yards in the first half alone. As for junior quarterback Troy Bryan, the Tiger signal-caller won over the crowd and his teammates with his hard-nosed style of play and may have surprised even the coaches with his accuracy passing the football. Bryan showed early in the game that he wasn't afraid to lower his head and take the best shots the defense had to offer, and stood confident in the pocket waiting for his receivers to get open. It was his first game as any quarterback has had in Elba in a long time, and silenced the fears of the fans that expected to see mistakes caused by inexperience. While the biggest areas of concern proved to be actual strengths, the play of veterans like Chris Tyson and D'Undray Peterson was as expected. Tyson ran wild outside in the first half, while in the second half the defense adjusted to slow down the speedster, and Peterson bulled through big holes in the middle and ran over would-be tacklers. The Tigers' two starters in the backfield both showed what they could do, and if they get better as the season rolls along, their 1-2 punch could prove fatal to Elba opponents. Another aspect of the offense that was very noticeable was the speed of the Elba receivers. Shander Daniels caught two passes and showed his speed on a kickoff return, as did Leray Smedley when he got a chance to return a kick. This duo of speedsters will no doubt pay dividends and give the Tigers not one, but two deep threats from anywhere on the field.

Turning to the defense, the Tigers were outwitted by both the Charles Henderson linemen and running backs, but never backed down and passed some hits that echoed throughout "Tiger Valley." Rudy "Freebird" Free and Todd "Captain Hook" Hooks were a two-man wrecking crew from their linbacking posts, combining for over 20 tackles and two sacks. The two seniors wowed the crowd with some of their ticks and definitely left their calling card with the Trojan backs. Other defensive players catching my eye were Earl Perkins, a 160-pound lineman that really packed a wallop; Sterling Jones, a 135-pound defensive back that punished anyone that came his way; and Todd McKee, a 190-pound junior who played solid at both defensive-end and linebacker. The defense was expected to play well, and did just that against a very good offensive team.

Was Elba that good or was Charles Henderson that bad? That question was asked a lot over the weekend, and I think the answer is probably a little bit of both. Elba was much better than many thought it would be and Charles Henderson was big and looked outstanding, but lacked experience and wasn't ready to play a team with the desire that Elba displayed. Hey, ...a win is a win, and Friday night's win over Charles Henderson was one that could be a big one for a team that needed something good to happen, early in the season.

A NOT SO SPECTACULAR BEGINNING FOR AREA TEAMS

The 1995 season was supposed to be the best ever for teams in the Clipper's coverage area and we even expanded our coverage to give complete reports on New Brockton, Zion Chapel, Kinston and Brantley on a weekly basis. While one game doesn't make, or break, a season, week #1 was certainly one that the teams would like to forget, as all four lost their season openers. Here's a look back at a week that hopefully will be quickly forgotten...

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*ZION CHAPEL was convinced that 1995 was going to be its year, but the Rebels stumbled out of the gate and lost to Houston Academy 14-6, in Dothan. The Rebs started fast and scored on their first possession of the season, but it went down hill from there, and it took a gallant effort from the defense to even keep the score close. Maybe the upset will serve as an early wake-up call.

*NEW BROCKTON was expected to have its best offense in years, but failed to even get on the scoreboard in a 20-0 loss to Arion. The Gamecocks were obviously hurt by the late departure of Coach Dan Kluge; however, the goose egg put on the board by the Gamecocks was totally unexpected. The Gamecocks need to get up off the deck in a hurry and prove to themselves that they are better than they looked in week #1.

*KINSTON got in an old-fashioned shootout against Jay, Florida, and came out on top short end of a wild 42-21 score. The Bulldogs' newly installed wishbone attack was unstoppable in the first half as Kinston put 21 points on the board, but the 'Dogs failed to tally in the second half and got buried by their visitors from Florida. If Kinston's defense will show up in weeks to come, maybe the Bulldogs will chalk up some wins.

*BRANTLEY gave 4A Daleville all it wanted for all four quarters, but shot itself in the foot with three bad snaps on punt attempts and a late interception and dropped its season opener 22-6 to the Warhaws. The Brantley defense certainly played well enough to win; however, the offense never really got on track and the result was the loss. Never fear; however, because the Bulldogs will get meaner, in a hurry!

THE CHEERING WASN'T HEARD EVERYWHERE

While the 1995 high school football season kicked off last week all across the state, the lights weren't turned on and there was no cheering to be heard at Ragland, where the 1A school failed to have enough boys go out for the football team to justify having a team for the season. Ragland is a small town of approximately 1,800 people, with a student population of 575 in grades K-12. The football team was started back in the early 1980's and a team has taken the field every season, until this season, when only twelve players reported for practice and the decision was made not to field a team. The Purple Devils had only 18 players on the squad in 1993 and had 21 players a year ago, when the Devils won only one game. With 23 players on the junior team there is hope that the varsity program can be restored next season; however, it looks like the small town and its school is fighting a battle that could continue annually.

The numbers are down in football all across the state, even in the 6A schools, and it appears that as the next generation of youth grow up there is less and less emphasis being placed on participating in athletics. Old timers have always said "It wasn't like this in the good 'ole days," but I'm only 42-years-old, and I can say it wasn't like this even twenty years ago!

OPENING WEEK'S ACTION FILLED WITH SURPRISES

The opening week of the high school football season is always filled with surprises, and this year was no different as teams expected to be powerhouses tripped and fell, while other teams made big steps forward. Here's a quick look back at the week that was...

*CLASS 1A - Defending champ Carrollton was knocked off by Aliceville 12-7, while #5 Courtland got spanked 28-8 by 2A strongboy Hazelwood. Closer to home, all three Coffee County teams took it on the chin, and Billingsley whipped up on 5A Chilton County 24-13 to let everyone know the Bears are back.

*CLASS 2A - The most surprising win in the 2A ranks was Gordo's 40-0 romp past 3A South Lamar, a team that threatened to win the 3A title just a year ago, while Georgiana made it clear it was after a title with a 34-6 win over McKenzie. Closer to home, Florida sent out a message that the Wildcats have grown up with an impressive 14-0 win over Flomaton; Cottonwood opened with a bang by blanking 3A Rehobeth 21-0; and Highland Home made it look easy in a 24-0 win over Alabama Christian.

*CLASS 3A - The Laverne Tigers were being billed as one of the state's best teams in any class, but saw their dreams turn into nightmares quickly in a stunning loss to 4A Ashford 19-14. Closer to home, Elba began the "David Lowery" era with a resounding 33-13 win over 5A Charles Henderson and Slocumb won its opener by surprising 4A Abbeville 27-26.

*CLASS 4A - The Pike County Bulldogs found out how life can be without superstars as they got clobbered by Valley 39-6, while W.S. Neal won its opening game by defeating Hillcrest 26-8. Closer to home, Dale County romped all over Houston County 49-21; Geneva continued to struggle in a 27-13 loss to 2A Geneva County; and Headland belted 2A Goshen 26-0.

*CLASS 5A - Defending champ Greenville found out it wasn't quite ready to join the 6A ranks as Foley blanked the Tigers 17-0, while perennial power Etowah took it on the chin 17-14 from neighbor Ft. Payne. Closer to home, Andalusia's woes continued in a 42-23 loss to T.R. Miller. Fullback fought until the final horn before falling to Dothan 27-21; and Opp found the going a bit too tough on the road as the Bobcats fell to Stanhope-Elmore 14-0.

*CLASS 6A - Defending champ Anniston saw the season start off on a down note in a 10-0 loss to 5A Walter Wellborn, while former Lee coach

Spence McCracken lost his debut at Opelika to Jeff Davis 14-13. Closer to home, Enterprise traveled to Florida and got sand kicked in its face in a 27-0 loss to Bay High; Carroll, of Ozark, got wiped out by Sidney Lanier 35-0; and Northview was anything but impressive in a 7-0 win over Bainbridge.

PROGNOSTICATOR STUMBLES, BUT GETS BACK UP

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator wasn't really fessing all that much when he stopped by last weekend, and despite a 21-11 opening week, was still bragging about how he picked Elba to upset Charles Henderson. He did gripe a little about how the early weeks of the season are almost impossible to pick, but admitted that it gets easier as it goes. Oh yea, here are this week's picks...

ELBA VS. T.R. MILLER

Elba has lost to T.R. Miller three straight years, and even though Coach David Lowery's Tigers are looking to pay some folks back for last year's misery, that payback might be hard to collect this week against the talented Tigers from Brewton. It will be a lot closer than last year, but Elba may still be a few weeks away from being ready to beat folks like Miller. T.R. MILLER 17 ELBA 13

ZION CHAPEL VS. KINSTON

It doesn't make sense to play an Area game this early in the season, but these two county rivals like to butt heads early in the year and then see what happens. If last week's showings are any preview of things to come, neither team is as good as everyone thought prior to the season. Look for both teams to run the football in a game that will be nothing but smash-mouth football. ZION CHAPEL 8 KINSTON 7

NEW BROCKTON VS. G.W. LONG

New Brockton's high-powered offense never got on track last week in its 20-0 loss to Arion and the Gamecocks didn't appear ready to start the season. Things won't get much easier this week against a G.W. Long team that is ready to prove last year was a fluke. Week #2 should be a better show! NEW BROCKTON 22 G.W. LONG 8

BRANTLEY VS. RED LEVEL

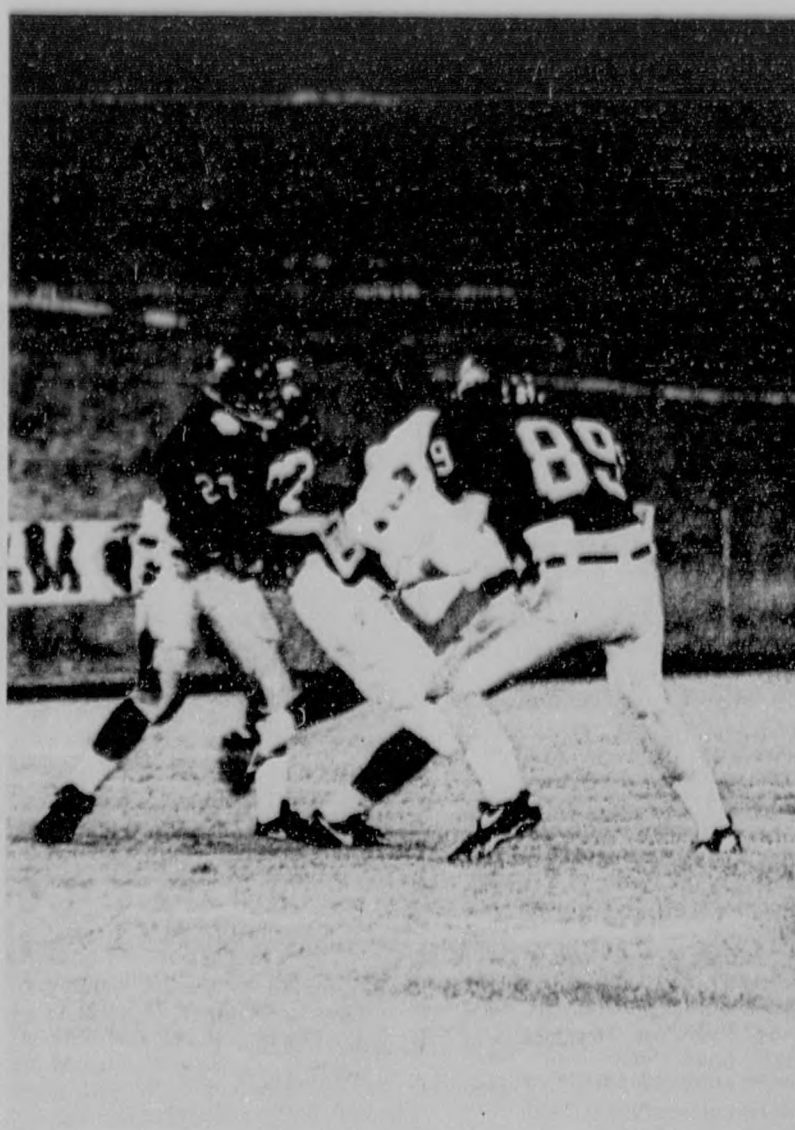
The Bulldogs made too many mistakes to win against a 4A power such as Daleville in last week's opener, but did show that they are a talented bunch that has the potential to do something big. Brantley will start the season over again this week and it might not be pretty! BRANTLEY 45 RED LEVEL 0

OTHER PICKS:

Arion 22 Louisville 12
Austaville 34 St. Jude 0
Beulah 20 Loachapoka 8
Billingsley 16 Holtville 14
Blacksher 21 Milroy 15
Carrollton 20 John Essex 8
Samson 14 Houston Academy 3
Maplesville 22 Montgomery Academy 10
Flomaton 14 McKenize 12
J.F. Shields 34 Sou. Normal 0
Catholic 21 Alabama Christian 14
Bulloak County 15 Clayton 8
Cottonwood 14 Florida 13
Laverne 21 Goshen 6
Hazelwood 27 Danville 0
Highland Home 27 St. James 0
Leroy 8 Southern Choctaw 0
St. Paul's 17 McIntosh 6
Olathe 14 Ashville 7
Wicksburg 20 Straughn 12
Livingston 42 R.C. Hatch 0
Dale County 27 Rehobeth 7
Slocumb 29 Ashford 27
Eufaula 21 Daleville 10
Headland 14 Geneva 8
Walter Wellborn 31 Munford 3
W.S. Neal 21 Andalusia 7
Central, Tus. 35 Pike County 0
Houston 17 Dags 14
Jeff Davis 14 Stanhope-Elmore 13
Greenville 12 Carroll 0
Opp 17 Charles Henderson 14
Curver 20 Lanier 16
Dothan 17 Enterprise 10
R.E. Lee 10 Pascagoula 7
Vigor 20 Shaw 0



Elba's Leray Smedley (25) heads upfield on a punt return in the Tigers' big 33-13 win over Charles Henderson in last week's season opener.



WHOA....Elba's Rudy Free (89) and Bobby Burks (22) combine to stop a Trojan runner after a short gain. The Tigers held the Charles Henderson offense to only one score in the win.



Elba's Chris Tyson (20) heads outside enroute to a big gain in the Tigers' win over Charles Henderson. Tyson gained 116 yards and scored a touchdown in the season opening win.

Tigers trounce Trojans 33-13

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Elba Tigers gave a large home crowd plenty to cheer about and handed Coach David Lowery a win in his first game as the Tigers' head coach last Friday night as they pounded the Charles Henderson Trojans 33-13 in Elba.

The win gave Elba a 1-0 record and snapped a two-game losing streak to the Trojans, while Charles Henderson left with a 0-1 slate. Elba kicked off to open the game, but got the football right back on a Henderson punt, and wasted little time taking the lead for good as the Tigers marched 47 yards in five plays to reach the endzone.

Chris Tyson gained all 47 yards on four carries during the scoring drive, and got the touchdown on a 9-yard dash. Todd McKee added the extra-point and with 7:45 left in the first quarter Elba was off and running with a 7-0 lead.

The Tigers had a chance to blow the game open early as Todd McKee recovered a Trojan fumble at the Henderson 27-yardline; how-



Elba's Todd McKee (54) boots an extra-point to put the Tigers on top 7-0 early in the first quarter in last week's 33-13 season opening win over Charles Henderson.

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players the confidence they needed in the opener.

"We had a good week of practice leading up to the game," added Coach Lowery, "and you could see the players getting more and more determined as the week went on. We have a group of players that are willing to work hard, and a group of players that want to win. It was a big win for us, especially with the schedule we've got, and it should let the players know that just because we were 0-5 at the start last year, we don't have to sit back and lose just because we are playing good teams."

When asked about last week's 33-13 win over Charles Henderson, Coach Lowery stated "We came out with a basic game plan and were able to stick with it. We had success on both sides of the ball early in the game and it gave the

Elba visits T.R. Miller

Elba looking to snap skid against Tigers

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The Elba Tigers will be looking to go 2-0 on the young season and at the same time snap a three-game losing streak to the T.R. Miller Tigers on Friday night when they travel to Brewton to tangle with the defending 4A state champions.

Elba opened its season with a surprisingly easy 33-13 win over 5A Charles Henderson last week, while T.R. Miller ran its winning streak to 15 straight games with an easy 42-23 romp past Andalusia.

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STATISTICS

E	1st Downs	CH
19	261	170
47	Passing Yds.	14
308	Total Offense	184
2-3-0	Passes	1-2-0
2/1	Fumbles/Lost	7/2
1-24	Punts-Ave.	3-34
35	Penalty Yds.	40

A pass interference penalty against the Trojans on fourth down and 12 was a key play in the short scoring drive, while the score came on a 10-yard burst up the middle by D'Undray Peterson. McKee's extra-point was again true, giving the Tigers a 27-6 lead with 4:20 left in the season opener.

The Tigers got the ball back on

leaving Elba with a 13-0 lead with 4:47 still left in the second quarter.

Elba received the second half kickoff and marched 73 yards in only seven plays to again reach paydirt!

D'Undray Peterson ripped off runs of 13 and 12 yards to get the drive started, and a 15-yard penalty against the Trojans for a late hit, enabled the Tigers to reach a first down at the Henderson 23-yardline.

The Tigers got the ball within the shadows of the goalpost behind the running of Peterson and Troy Bryan, and this time it was Bryan that touched the score with a one-yard plunge. McKee added the extra-point and with 9:04 left in the third quarter Elba was in command with a 33-0 advantage.

Charles Henderson put the ball in play at its 48-yardline early in the fourth quarter after an exchange of punts, and covered the 52 yards to the endzone in only four plays to get on the scoreboard.

A 41-yard run by Tyler Austin was a big play in the drive, while Malik Lamplay got the touchdown on a 3-yard run. The extra-point try was blocked by Elba's Rudy Free, leaving Elba on top 20-6 with 8:57 left in the game.

Elba's Shander Daniels returned the ensuing kickoff 36 yards to the Charles Henderson 38-yardline, and seven plays later was back in the endzone!</

Rebels ambushed 14-6

By Cade Shiver, Sports Writer

The Zion Chapel Rebels traveled to Dothan Friday night to do



Zion Chapel's Roy Stewart (34) heads upfield for a big gain during the Rebels' season opener against Houston Academy.

battle with the Houston Academy Raiders, but saw high expectations for the season-opener dashed as the homestanding Raiders claimed a

hardfought 14-6 victory.

Neither offense could put points on the scoreboard on their opening possessions; however, Zion Chapel did find success on its second series as on first and ten Elliot Liptrot turned the corner and gained 64 yards to paydirt. A two-point try failed, but Zion Chapel was on the board first and owned a 6-0 lead with 6:18 left in the opening stanza. The Rebel defense again rose up to stop a Raider drive on Houston Academy's next possession, but a roughing the kicker penalty gave the Raiders new life, and two plays after the penalty Pepper Clark crossed the goaline from 25 yards out. Daniel Hart added the extra-point and Houston Academy had grabbed the lead at 7-6.

The teams swapped fumbles on their ensuing possessions, but Houston Academy started its next series at the Rebel 47-yardline, and once again moved quickly into the endzone.

Pepper Clark had a 34 yard scamper to highlight the drive, while Chris Leverette got the score on a 7-yard run. Hart tucked on the extra-point, and with 7:14 remaining in the first half Houston Academy was ahead 14-6.

The Rebel defense came up with a big play midway through the second quarter when it recovered a Raider fumble at the ZC 13-yardline, and then flexed its muscle on a goaline stand late in the quarter, turning back Houston Academy after the Raiders had a first and goal at the Rebel 2-yardline.

The Zion Chapel defense recovered another Raider fumble early in the third quarter to stop a Raider scoring threat, and the offense showed signs of life when Ashley Sutley broke loose on a 21 yard scamper. However, the Rebel drive stalled after crossing mid-field, and Houston Academy regained possession on a Rebel punt. Houston Academy put together an impressive drive on its ensuing



LOOKING FOR ROOM TO ROAM...Zion Chapel's Elliot Liptrot (7) looks for room to run after finding a hole in the middle of the Houston Academy defense.

series and behind the running of Pepper Clark drove 71 yards in 14 plays and ate up valuable time off the clock. The Raiders reached the ZC 4-yardline, only to once again come away empty-handed, as the Rebel defense rose to the challenge and kept Rebel hopes alive.

Zion Chapel failed to mount a

drive on its next possession, and never got the ball back after a punt, as Houston Academy claimed the 14-6 win over the favored Rebels.

Elliot Liptrot gained 89 yards on 17 carries to lead Zion Chapel, while Pepper Clark was the workhorse for Houston Academy as he gained 276 yards on 38 carries.

STATISTICS		ZC	HA
1st Downs	17	17	17
Rushing Yds.	281	117	281
Passing Yds.	39	7	39
Total Offense	320	124	320
Passes	24-0	2-6-0	1-1
Fumbles/Lost	6/3	1/1	1/1
Penalty Yds.	45	75	75

Kinston gives out of gas as Jay pulls away 42-21

By Phillip Miles, Sports Writer

Big plays and sudden changes in momentum in the first quarter set the tone for the rest of the first game of the 1995 season Friday night for the Kinston Bulldogs as they were outscored 42-21 by the Jay Royals in Kinston.

Kinston kicked off to open the season, but Coach Mickey Jacobs didn't wait long to pull his first surprise of the night, as the Bulldogs' shocked Jay with an on-sides kick that was recovered by the Bulldogs at the Royals' 30-yardline.

The Bulldogs wasted no time cashing in on the early opportunity, as on the third play from scrimmage Adam Osborn scored on a 30-yard jaunt. Chancy Lashley's extra-point was good, and with 10:34 left in the first quarter Kinston was on top 7-0.

Jay's Bert Hudson returned the ensuing kick 45 yards to the Kinston 45-yardline, and six plays later the Royals were in the endzone, with Hudson getting the score on a 10-yard run. Kelley Brunson added the extra-point, pulling the Royals into a 7-7 tie with 7:11 left in the opening stanza.

Kinston put the ball in play at its own 35-yardline to begin its second series, and on the third play of the series again reached paydirt as quarterback Jason Wambles missed a handoff to his fullback, but never missed a beat and tucked the football and raced untouched 59 yards for a touchdown.

Lashley added the extra-point to put the Bulldogs back on top 14-7, with 5:47 remaining in the first quarter.

Jay's Bert Hudson returned the Bulldog kickoff 41 yards to the Kinston 49-yardline, and five plays later the scoreboard lights were flickering once again as the Royals' Brandon Carroll, a bruising 250-pound fullback, slammed over from one yard out. The extra-point try was blocked, and with 3:42 left in a wild first quarter the Bulldogs were clinging to a 14-13 advantage.

The defenses of the two teams made their first appearances of the night on the next two series, as Jay stuffed the Bulldog offense and forced a punt, while the Kinston defense turned back a Royals challenge deep in Bulldog territory and retained the lead after a 22-yard field-goal failed to connect.

Kinston's Clint Patterson recovered a fumble at midfield to stop the Royals midway through the second quarter, and the Bulldogs' offense came back to life as it marched 50 yards in eight plays to stretch its lead to 21-13.

A big play in the scoring drive was a 22 yard gain by Jason Wambles on a busted play, and it was Wambles that got the TD as he kept the ball on an option and scampered 11 yards untouched for the score. Lashley's p.a.t. was again true, and with 3:47 left in the half Kinston was on top 21-13.

Jay began its next possession at the Royals 41-yardline, and this time needed only one play to reach the endzone, as Bert Hudson bounced outside and raced 59 yards down the sidelines for yet another touchdown. Hudson also got the call on the two-point conversion and crossed the goaline as the Royals pulled even at 21-21 with 3:16 remaining in the half.

Kinston's Adam Hawthorne recovered a Jay fumble at the Kinston 18-yardline late in the half to turn

back a Royals threat, and at the half the score was still knotted at 21-21. Kinston failed to move on its first possession of the second half; however, the same was not true for the Royals, as Jay marched 52 yards in seven plays to take its first lead of the night.

Bert Hudson had a 19-yard run to spark the scoring drive, while the touchdown came on fourth down and one, when Hudson broke loose and scampered 10 yards for the score. Brunson tacked on the p.a.t. and with 7:15 left in the third quarter Jay had forged ahead 28-21.

A Kinston turnover gave the football right back to the Royals at the Bulldog 10-yardline, and Hudson scored on the third play following the turnover on a 2-yard plunge, and Brunson added the extra-point, giving Jay a 35-21 lead with 5:11 left in the third quarter.

Kinston's offense began to wake-up on its next series and drove across midfield before being forced to punt, then began its next drive at its own 46-yardline after a fumble recovery by Michael Farris. The Bulldogs appeared ready to get back in the game when Jason Wambles hit Alan Bowdoin on a 13-yard gain down to the Jay 43-yardline, and Kinston quickly

STATISTICS		K	J
1st Downs	16	13	16
Rushes-Yds.	51-486	30-202	30-202
Passing Yds.	50	9	50
Total Yds.	506	211	506
Returns-Yds.	6-81	4-15	4-15
Punts-Ave.	0-00	3-26	3-26
Penalties-Yds.	6-45	5-25	5-25

RACING RESULTS FROM SAM'S

Following are the results of last week's races:

MINI-STOCK
1st-Aquiles Ramirez, Fort Rucker
2nd-David Hagler, Midland City
3rd-Norman Scott, Cottonwood

SCRAMBLER
1st-Doug Sulley, Ozark
2nd-Royce Watson, Luverne
3rd-Wayne Slawson, Enterprise

HOGG
1st-David Scott, Opp
2nd-John Dykes, Ozark
3rd-Kennie Perkins, Brundidge

PURE STOCK
1st-Eugene Bell, Opp
2nd-David Wood, Slocomb
3rd-Greg Wood, Slocomb

SUPER STOCK
1st-Gary Anderson, Opp
2nd-Jerry Weathering, Elba
3rd-Dennis Bell, Enterprise

LIMITED SPORTSMAN
1st-Dennis Perkins, Brundidge
2nd-Scott Shipes, Clito
3rd-Gerald Becker, New Brockton

SPORTSMAN
1st-Nix Bruce, Opp
2nd-Lamar Hudson, Elba
3rd-Terry Davis, Enterprise

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Brantley cheerleaders took advantage of a heat time-out on the field to catch their breath during last week's season opener against Daleville.

Brantley miscues pave way for 22-6 Daleville victory

By Greg Brunson, Sports Writer

The Brantley Bulldogs traveled to Daleville Friday night to open the 1995 football season and battled hard before falling to the Warhawks 22-6.

Austin Cauley wasted little time in reassuring the Brantley fans that the quarterback position was in good hands as he gained 34 yards on an option and then hit T.J. Aus-

tin with a 41-yard touchdown pass to give the Bulldogs the early lead. The score capped a six-play drive that covered 80 yards, and after the p.a.t. sailed wide, Brantley was on top 6-0 with 7:45 left in the first quarter.

The two teams exchanged punts until Brantley had a miscue on the final play of the first quarter, when the snap on the punt attempt sailed

over the head of Pete Hill, who was sacked on the Bulldogs' 6-yardline. The Warhawks took only two plays to reach the endzone, with David Key diving over from a yard out with 11:25 remaining in the second quarter. Jason Moore's extra-point try failed, leaving the score knotted at 6-6.

Derrick Truscair intercepted a Brantley pass midway through the

second quarter, and Josh Rayburn returned the favor as he made a beautiful interception on the final play of the half at the Brantley goaline.

The last-second interception sent the teams in at intermission with the score still tied at 6-6.

Late in the third quarter, after an injury to quarterback Austin Cauley, the Daleville defense got the

lead for the Warhawks as it sacked Edward Burnett for a safety with 3:22 left in the third stanza, and put the 'Hawks ahead 8-6.

After the ensuing free kick, Daleville put the ball in play at the Brantley 49-yardline, and nine rushing plays later, the Warhawks were back on the scoreboard.

Marc Arias rolled left and found Ty Manning alone in the endzone

for the touchdown, and although the extra-point try was blocked, Daleville was in charge with a 14-6 lead with 11:10 left in the final stanza.

Daleville's Chris Key recovered a Marco Jones fumble on the ensuing kickoff to put the Warhawks right back in business at the Brantley 21-yardline, but Bulldog line-backer Pete Hill intercepted an Arias pass on second down and returned the interception to the Brantley 44 to stop the threat, and give Brantley new life.

Behind the passing of a gutsy Austin Cauley, the Bulldogs marched downfield and reached the Daleville 8-yardline. On second and goal Cauley looked off his first receiver and then fired a pass over the middle, but Daleville's Andy Danley stepped in front of the intended receiver and raced 95 yards for the game's final score.

David Key cracked in for the two-point conversion to end the scoring at 22-6 with 7:38 left on the scoreboard.

The Friday night the Bulldogs will open their home season as they host the Red Level Tigers.

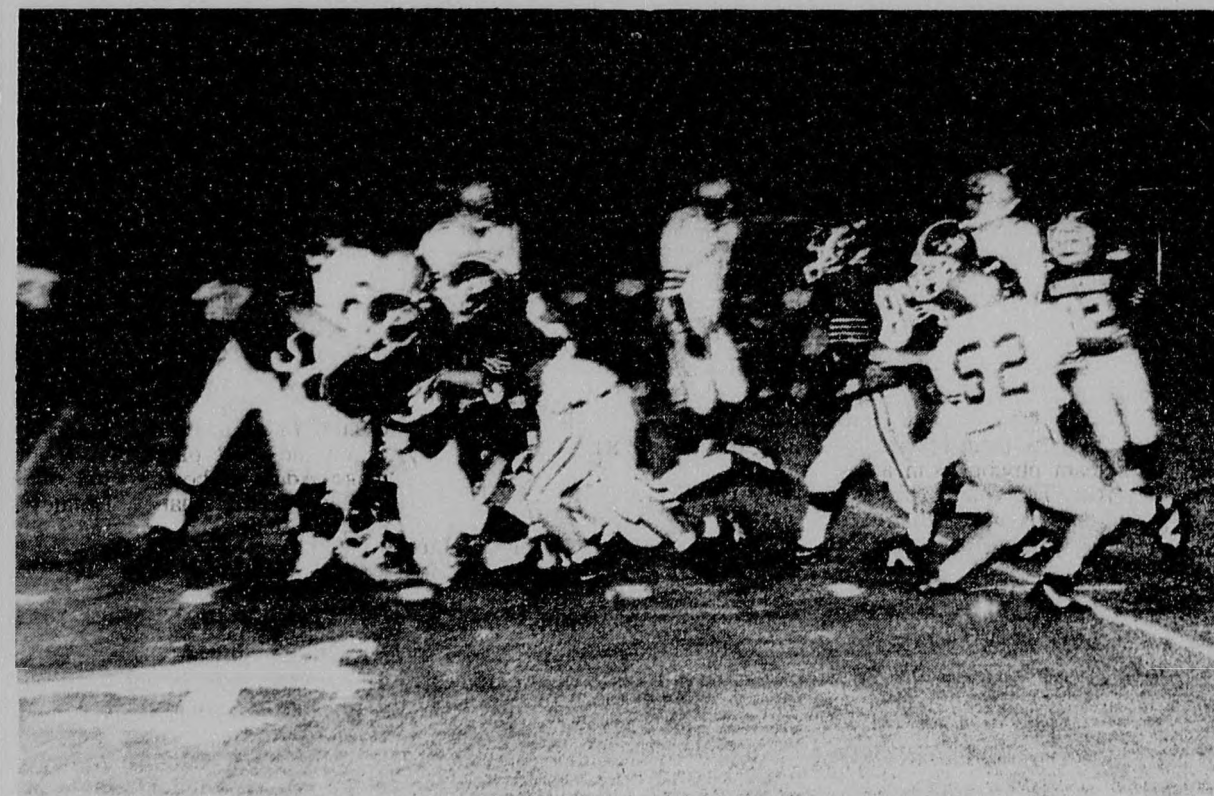
Moreno Jones led the Brantley rushing attack with 53 yards on 16 carries, while Austin Cauley added 47 yards on 4 totes. David Key led Daleville with 57 yards on 10 carries.

STATISTICS

B		D	
1st Downs	11	1st Downs	11
Rushes-Yds.	40-178	Rushes-Yds.	40-178
Passing Yds.	54	Passing Yds.	54
Total Yds.	232	Total Yds.	232
Passes	4-15-2	Passes	4-15-2
Return Yds.	171	Return Yds.	171
Penalties-Yds.	8-73	Penalties-Yds.	8-73
Punts-Ave.	6-37	Punts-Ave.	6-37



The New Brockton defense swarms around an Arion ball carrier during action last week in the Gamecock's 20-0 loss.



DEFENSIVE STAND...The Gamecock defense stopped the Arion offensive attack cold for much of the game and drew praise from New Brockton's Coach Keith Thrasher in the loss.

Gamecocks caged 20-0 in season opener

Statistics by Andrae Medley

The New Brockton Gamecocks saw their high hopes for a season opening win dashed Friday night as the Arion Purple Cats came to town and handed the Gamecocks a 20-0 whipping, at Gamecock Stadium.

Arion saw a chance to grab an early lead go by the board when a field-goal sailed wide; however, the Purple Cats cashed in on their second opportunity of the night as Tim Smith ramblled into the endzone from 48 yards out. Chad Snellgrove tacked on the extra-point and with 4:02 left in the first quarter Arion was ahead to stay at 7-0.

The Gamecock defense stopped the 'Cats cold on their next series, but disaster struck for New Brockton on its ensuing possession when a Scott Hughes pass was tipped into the arms of Matt Peters and the interception was returned all the way to the New Brockton 1-yardline.

Kenny Sanders scored on the next play for a Purple Cat touchdown, and Snellgrove again hit on the p.a.t., putting Arion on top 14-0 with 9:52 left in the second quarter.

The teams swapped punts on their next possessions, but the Gamecock offense finally came to life late in the quarter and behind the running of Scott Hughes and Lee Flowers began a drive toward the Arion goaline.

New Brockton drove deep into Purple Cat territory, but saw the drive stall, as Arion held and carried the 14-0 lead in at the half.

Arion added to its lead on its first series of the second half, as the Purple Cats took advantage of a 15-

yard penalty against the Gamecocks to drive 59 yards in 11 plays. Tim Smith got the score on a 10-yard run, and although the extra-point try failed, Arion was now in complete command with a 20-0 lead with 3:44 remaining in the third quarter.

The two defensive units dominated the action for the remainder of the night, and at the final buzzer it was Arion that left the field with the 20-0 win.

Tim Smith gained 81 yards on 9 carries and scored two touchdowns to lead Arion, while Lee Flowers led the Gamecocks with 52 yards on 11 carries.

STATISTICS

NB		A	
1st Downs	8	1st Downs	8
Rushes-Yds.	36-112	Rushes-Yds.	36-112
Passing Yds.	15	Passing Yds.	15
Total Offense	127	Total Offense	127
Fumbles/Lost	3-0	Fumbles/Lost	3-0
Penalties-Yds.	5-45	Penalties-Yds.	5-45

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COFFEE COUNTY RESIDENTS ATTEND CROPS FIELD DAY. Numerous Coffee County residents were among the more than 150 people who attended a Crops Field Day held recently at the Wiregrass Substation in Headland. Pictured (l to r) are Dennis Smith, Jimmy Tillis, Rick Nicholson, Rob Rhoades, Stan Windham, George Tabb, Veronica Perrin, Andy Samblin, Richard Fletcher, and Henry Ivey-Superintendent of the Substation.

AU Field Day gives Wiregrass farmers a look at upcoming technology

Over 150 Wiregrass area farmers met recently at the Wiregrass Substation to hear and see the latest research findings from tests on cotton and peanuts.

The meeting, co-sponsored by the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station and Alabama Cooperative Extension Service at Auburn University, featured tours of cotton and peanut research plots and explanation of these projects by researchers from Auburn University.

Of particular interest to peanut growers was testing being conducted by Ron Weeks, who is an area extension entomologist and researcher in the Ag Experiment Station. Weeks showed growers three management systems for peanuts: low input costs of about \$144 per acre, high input costs of about \$252, and costs determined by an integrated pest management program of about \$196 per acre.

Peanut and cotton growers alike were interested in a test monitoring the effectiveness of Cadre, a new herbicide being groomed for the peanut market. The herbicide did an excellent job on sicklepod, beggarweed, nutsedge, and other weeds that are troublesome for peanut growers. However, it has a limiting factor, according to AU researcher Mike Patterson.

Most of the peanut growers attending the meeting had never seen wild peanuts, which grow wild in South American landscapes. Auburn researcher Jim Bostic showed the visitors wild peanuts from Bolivia, Argentina, and Brazil. As part of the annual Peanut Variety Trials, Bostic has planted at the Substation 21 varieties of peanuts currently available to growers and seven more that are part of the Uniform Peanut Performance test.

AU PNTU is not a new variety, instead it is a weather-based forecasting system that tells growers when to apply pesticides. Though the forecast system has been used effectively for several years, researchers are looking at extending the parameters, according to Auburn researcher Ellen Bauske. Researchers took weather data from the Substation and applied to farmers fields up to eight miles away, with comparable results at both locations in predicting timing of leafspot sprays.

Though a long-running project, rotation tests with such exotic crops as velvet beans, castor, and sesame continue to draw attention at field days. Auburn researcher Rodrigo Rodriguez-Kabana pointed out to the crowd that velvet beans exude a compound that is toxic to nematodes.

and can reduce populations by 95%. By comparison, cotton following peanuts reduced nematodes about 70%. Sesame is a particularly promising rotation crop, because it has a high market value, requires little maintenance, and reduces nematode levels as much as cotton, according to the Auburn researcher.

The field day was the last to be presided over by Substation Superintendent Henry Ivey, who retired September 1, after nearly 30 years at the Wiregrass Substation.

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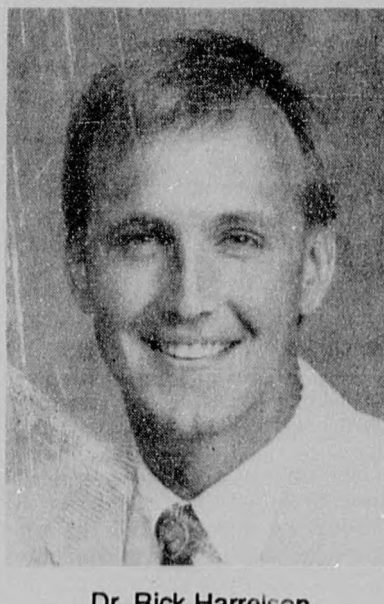
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Internist joins Enterprise Medical Group recently

Dr. Rick A. Harrelson, MD, an internist, has returned home to practice medicine with Enterprise Medical Group, an affiliate of Southeast Alabama Medical Center.

Dr. Harrelson graduated cum laude from the University of Alabama. He attended medical school and completed his internship and residency at the University of South Alabama College of Medicine in Mobile. During his residency, he was the recipient of numerous awards including the Victor Benator Award. This award is given to the senior medicine resident who exemplifies excellence in teaching, integrity and character in the practice of medicine.

Dr. Harrelson and his wife, Connie, have two children: Taylor, 3 1/2, and Rhett, 2. They are expecting a third child in January.



Dr. Rick Harrelson

Child Support Month concludes in Coffee County

"All child support will be paid before you are released from jail." This was the order from Presiding Circuit Judge Gary McAliley given to a father who had failed to pay his child support.

"One month to pay your share of your child's braces." This was the order from District Judge Steve Blair given to father who had failed to pay a child support matter in proper time.

The month of August concluded in Coffee County as Child Support

Awareness Month with a record \$140,015.09 being collected in child support. Special emphasis in August was given to cases where large amounts were owed to the State of Alabama through AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children) and cases where parents had failed to pay their support over extended periods of time.

A "Round-Up" docket was held in Coffee County in Enterprise on August 11, 1995 and in Elba on August 17, 1995 for these type cases. These "round-up" dockets were a cooperative effort by the Coffee County Department of Human Resources, the District Attorney's Office, Circuit Clerk's Office, Sheriff's Department and Judges.

The "round-up" concept appeared to be successful and may occur in months other than August. Child Support Enforcement in Coffee County is performed by the Department of Human Resources and the District Attorney's Office. Annual collections in Coffee County exceed \$1.4 million and the efforts by employers and cooperative parents who pay their child support on time is appreciated.

To those who refuse to pay—watch out, you may be in the next "round-up!"

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OPEN HOUSE The Kinston Volunteer Rescue Squad will be hosting an open house in celebration of its 20th anniversary on Sunday, September 17, 1995, at the Kinston Town Hall from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

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EMPLOYEE RECOGNIZED, PETITION PRESENTED & LANDFILL RATES REVISED

Commission moves smoothly through agenda

by Marvin McIlwain - Editor

Monday's regularly bi-monthly meeting of the Coffee County Commission lasted just over 40 minutes with commissioners moving smoothly through their agenda.

The commission recognized Bill Devane, a retiring employee from the county highway department, by adopting a resolution commending him for his service to Coffee County.

Devane has been with the highway department for more than 40 years. He served as a foreman for the past 5 years.

The resolution stated: "Devane was a loyal, faithful, worker for Coffee County, and had the interest of Coffee County as his paramount objective. He contributed greatly to the welfare of the citizens of Coffee County, Alabama by his actions, his duties, and his time."

During the past few weeks, rumors have been floating around that Elba's police chief, Maxwell Hooks, was resigning. Now it's official!

In a letter dated September 12 (Tuesday) to Elba Mayor, Ricky Haywood and the city council, Chief Hooks announced his resignation as Chief of Police with the City of Elba.

Hooks' resignation, according to the letter, will take effect on Thursday, September 21, 1995.

There was no reason stated in Hooks' letter; however, he told this reporter that he was resigning in order to accept a position with Dorsey Trailers, Inc.

Hooks will become Dorsey's manager of safety and security. He will be working in the company's plant located in Elba.

Hooks was named Elba's Chief of Police in February of 1995 after Police Chief Jack Parker resigned. Prior to becoming chief, Hooks served as assistant chief.

His appointment as chief made headlines in several of the area newspapers as "being Elba's first black police chief," which he indeed was. Hooks preferred to think he was appointed based on his qualifications, not his race or anything else.

One thing that he said he was proud of having been a part of was the organizing of local ministers (black and white) and other community leaders in working toward improving relationships within the community.

Hooks spoke highly of the men and women in the Elba Police Department. "They are a bunch of dedicated people doing a thankless job," he said.

However, he senses a separation

Frank Spreeman, who is with the Coffee County Humane Society, addressed the commission Monday concerning the problems with stray animals in the county.

He noted that he had appeared before the commission two years ago and since that time, no action has been taken by them addressing this problem.

Spreeman presented to the commissioners a petition with 451 signatures urging them to construct an animal control facility for Coffee County as required by Alabama State Law.

The petition proposed that a facility, which would house 35 dogs and 25 cats, be erected for stray animal pick-ups in the county.

The document further stated that an animal control officer and three employees be hired to maintain the facility. It also suggested that a pickup truck, equipped with a mobile tel-

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